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# NEWS

*from the  
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## ISLE OF MAN STEAM PACKET COMPANY INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL FESTIVAL 1991

GROUP 'A' - S.C. Cambuur (Holland), Stoke City, Isle of Man

GROUP 'B' - Sunderland, Bolton Wanderers, Shelbourne (Ireland)

### Fixtures:

Sun. 28th July - Sunderland v. Bolton at the Bowl, Douglas (3pm)

Isle of Man v. S.C. Cambuur at Castletown (7.15pm)

Mon. 29th July - Bolton v. Shelbourne at the Bowl (7.15pm)

Tues. 30th July - Stoke City v. Isle of Man, at Peel (7.15pm)

Wed. 31st July - S.C. Cambuur v. Stoke City, at the Bowl (3pm)

Sunderland v. Shelbourne, at Castletown (7.15pm)

Fri. 2nd August - 2nd Group 'A' v. 2nd Group 'B' at Castletown (7.15pm)

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*\* Prior to the Final on 3rd August a 14-16 year old match, sponsored by Coca-Cola Schweppes, will be played when the League Champions will take on the Cup Winners.*

## BARCLAYS GOAL OF THE WEEK COMPETITION

(Winner banks £1,000 in a Barclays Bank Higher Rate Deposit Account)

Stoke-on-Trent schoolboy Stuart Martin, aged 9, used his soccer skill and knowledge whilst watching the ITV's live football programme 'The Match' and as a result became £1,000 richer. This will be paid into a Barclays Bank Higher rate Deposit Account.

Stuart correctly selected the winner of the 'Barclays Goal of the Week' competition - as nominated by TV pundit Ian St. John - which was Alan Smith's skilful chip into the top corner of the net for Arsenal in their Barclays League encounter with rivals Crystal Palace.

## APOLOGY

Please accept our sincere apology for the printing of the wrong name of the Stoke City player featured in the centre spread of the Crewe Alexandra programme. The player in focus was of course ANTHONY GALLIMORE and not Paul Rennie, who, in fact, was scheduled to go in as an ex-Alex player, but a mishap on the part of the programme compilers and printers saw Paul's name appear instead of Tony's. Sorry to everyone concerned especially the players. Paul will be featured in the programme before the end of the season.

## AWAY GAME INFORMATION

Swansea City v. Stoke City - Saturday 30th March 1991

Admission to this game will be by payment at the turnstiles.

ADMISSION PRICES:

West Terrace £3.80; STAND £6.50 (centre) £6.00 (East)

Huddersfield Town v. Stoke City - Saturday 6th April 1991

THIS MATCH AT LEEDS ROAD IS ALL-TICKET

Our allocation of tickets is 2,500 terrace (Dalton Road) price - £4.00 and 901 seats in the Main Stand at £6.50 each. Season Ticket holders can purchase a ticket from the Stoke City Box Office between 9.30am Monday 25th March and 5.00pm Wednesday 27th March.

**ONLY STAND SEASON TICKET HOLDERS CAN PURCHASE A SEAT TICKET**

\* **EXECUTIVE SOCIETY MEMBERS** can purchase a ticket from the Promotions Office between 9.30am Monday 25th March and 4.30pm Wednesday 27th March.

\* **GENERAL SALE** - Any remaining tickets will go on sale from the Box Office from Thursday 28th March at 10.00am.





***"I bet he drinks Carling Black Label!"***







## A Word from the Boss

Two weeks ago we travelled down to griffin park and beat Brentford 4-0, giving possibly our best performance of the season against an in-form team.

The following Wednesday we entertained Crewe Alexandra who were difficult opponents in a game full of incidents. There were a lot of close offside decisions and penalty appeals. In the end fortune favoured us with the three points.

One thing that I was pleased about was the way the team kept going for the full ninety minutes, keeping things tight and still going strong in the final minutes when we scored the winner.

Last Saturday at Gay Meadow, almost 60% of the total attendance travelled down from the Potteries and we disappointed you with our performance.

We went into the game on a run of four matches unbeaten and looked solid during the first half-hour during which time we created a couple of chances, but went in at half-time 2-0 down.

I was upset with both goals, the first one was due to some sloppy defending, although Neil Lyne showed some good skills when scoring. To conceded the second right on half-time was suicide.

We should have played the ball out. We had a lot of the ball during the second-half but did not hurt them where it matters, in the penalty area. Tuesday night at Fulham saw a very professional away performance when we were down to our last thirteen fit senior players. We now have to take advantage of our home games to give ourselves a chance of a play-off place.

The injury situation continues to disturb me. It is very frustrating not to be able to pick the same team twice. We had to use both subs again at Gay Meadow and both strikers, Biggins and Ellis, joined our injured list, although Wayne recovered and scored the winner at Fulham.

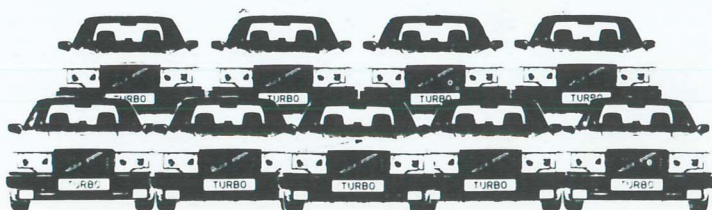
Good news though of Ian Cranson. His injury is not as bad as first feared and I am hoping to have him back in training by the start of next season.

A warm welcome to Phil Neal, Mick Brown and the Bolton team for today's game. They have had a fantastic run since October and are now in an automatic promotion place.

We are looking forward to another good game of football here at The Victoria Ground, with another above average attendance. Please get behind the lads today - it is important for us all.



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# CITY

## *In Action*

On the 9th of this month Stoke City pulled off a cracking 4-0 victory away to promotion-chasing Brentford.

Mickey Thomas (below) opened our account on 64 minutes, heading home Brian Rice's cross. Skipper Noel Blake (bottom left) added a second four minutes later, belting in Rice's corner; Carl Beeston (centre) with an excellent solo goal grabbed No.3 (86 mins) and Wayne Clarke tapped in the fourth right right at the death.







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# CLUB CAPTAIN'S *Log*

Once again we were very disappointed with our performance at Gay Meadow last Saturday. The pitch was very similar to Mansfield's (very sticky); it was very difficult to pass the ball which resulted in us not playing enough football or create many chances. We decided at half-time that we had to go at them, and although they were 2-0 up, we still fancied them to wobble in the second-half.

But we did not create enough chances to put them under pressure.

Their system of play means that Tony Kelly has a free role and we did not man to man mark him. Overall I do not feel that he contributed too much to our defeat.

The Crewe match was a tight affair with both defences working hard and a very subdued atmosphere amongst the crowd. The 'Alex's' five man defence played well, but seemed to tire in the last ten minutes, while we were still going strong. We were very pleased to get the three points. Regarding the alleged penalty incident....I went for the ball and did not make contact - but it was debatable.

Down at Griffin Park the previous Saturday we had a tough game for the first hours' play and then Brentford seemed to run out of ideas. Brian Rice produced a quality cross for Mickey Thomas to put us in front and then we wore them down and ran up a deserved 4-0 win. Early on in the game they were dangerous from corners and I was called upon to make a save with my legs. I have to praise our skipper 'Blakey' who won the aerial battles even against the six feet four inch frame of 'Bees' defender Terry Evans.

Today we welcome in-form Bolton Wanderers for what should be a closely fought game. I just hope the weather is a lot better than it was when we played them at Burnden Park!



## TALES FROM THE DUGOUT

### TREATMENT ROOM UP-DATE

**Lee Sandford** - although back in action, he has a nasty gash on his shin.

**John Butler** - he is making steady progress.

**Lee Fowler** - he has shin slints.

**Ian Cranson** - has had an operation down at Cambridge and we hope to see him at today's game.

**Wayne Biggins** - suffering from a twisted knee.

**Tony Ellis** - he went to hospital on a stretcher for X-rays following his clash of heads with the Shrewsbury full-back Tom Lynch, and a scan revealed no bone damage.

### 'I ONNA USED TO ALL THIS'

That was the quote from our 'acting' right-back when some of the players went for a walk out early on Friday night. The hotel is near to Earls Court and there are tall buildings everywhere!

### GOOD MORNING WAYNE

On the Friday morning before departing for Brentford, the lads were in the dressing room 'winding up' Mick Kennedy about his new 'sharp' haircut. All of a sudden a new face was spotted... none of the players knew that we had signed Wayne Clarke on a month's loan.

### 'YAWN, YAWN' IT'S THE SOAPAHOLICS!

After settling in the hotel on the Friday night (prior to that game against Brentford) the lads were kept bored by the club's 'soap' experts, Rice and Blake, who kept asking everybody to throw questions at them about any TV Soap Opera!

### HAT-TRICK FOR IBBS

Our kit man executive was in the news again on the morning of the Brentford game. Ron (the Dugout) went down to the ground to put the kit out with his friends Richard Gray and Mickey Thomas. They had a kick about on the pitch and Ron scored a hat-trick which had the bemused Brentford officials asking who is the big fellow?



## TODAY'S MATCH SPONSORS

I would like to welcome CONSOLIDATED HOLDINGS and Mr. Chris Forrester once again to The Victoria Ground. They are yet another local company who have supported the club through sponsorship over the last few seasons. I hope Chris and his guests have an enjoyable afternoon with us. One thing is certain, we will have a very good sale of Lottery Tickets in the Executive Suite this afternoon.

## MASTER POTTERS

'Master Potters' of Stoke City Football Club - 'The Goalscorers' - the first book in Wade Martin's series of six, is now ready to roll off the printing presses and will be available to supporters in early April. If you haven't ordered your copy yet, then the forms are available from the Promotions Office.

## KIT SPONSORS

As part of our kit Sponsorship package, a presentation afternoon has been arranged for the LEYTON ORIENT game on Saturday 13th April, when all paid-up sponsors will enjoy the following:

- \* Reserved car parking behind the Stoke End Stand
- \* Drinks reception in the Executive Suite
- \* Buffet with pay bar available before and after the game
- \* Reserved seats in the Stoke End Stand
- \* Coffee and biscuits during the half-time interval
- \* Presentation of the Shirt Sponsor, Stoke City 'Man of the Match' award.
- \* Your favourite player will then present YOU with his team jersey as a fabulous and unique souvenir.
- \* Photographs will also be taken of the presentation

## STOKE CITY EXECUTIVE SOCIETY LUNCHEON TRIP

I have organised another luncheon trip, this time for the Huddersfield Town game on Saturday, 6th April. We will arrive at the GEORGE HOTEL (Trust House Forte Group) in Huddersfield at 12.15pm. Lunch will be served at 12.30pm. and it comprises soup (roll & butter), roast chicken (roast potatoes & selection of vegetables), caramel cream and coffee. We will then depart for the Leeds Road ground at 2.00pm. The cost will be £18 per person which includes coach travel, lunch and matchday seat ticket in stand.

**THIS GAME IS ALL TICKET FOR STOKE CITY SUPPORTERS.** Note: All bookings must be made before 5.00pm on Monday 1st April 1991.



Stoke's Commercial Manager  
Mick Cullerton

## Latest Executive Society Winners

Cash Prize winners drawn at the Exeter City game are:

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- \* Star Prize every four months - a Paris Weekend for four!

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## MORE EXECUTIVE SOCIETY MEMBERS' DISCOUNTS

Stoke City Executive Society members can get discounts at the following:

- \* KEV LEVINS School of Motoring, Stoke-on-Trent - 5% discount
- \* ITALIAN RESTAURANT (Mimmo & Lee) Cobridge Rd., Hanley - 10% discount
- \* C.R. MOTORCYCLES, Tape Street, Cheadle - 10% discount

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# RESERVES AND YOUTHS

.....with Tony Lacey



The youngsters continued their run of good results with a fine 3-1 win at home to Chesterfield. We started slowly and were punished when the visitors took the lead in the 20th minute. However, we gradually took control of the game and it was no surprise when John Berks equalised with a fine shot. As the match progressed the youngsters turned on the style, playing superb attacking football, and finally winning 3-1 with additional goals from Bright and John Berks again.

In mid-week we entertained Nottingham Forest in the quarter-final of the League Cup. Forest took early control and deservedly went in front. Unfortunately the youngsters never got their passing game going and rarely threatened the Forest goal. The second-half saw us start a little better and we were rewarded with a fine equaliser by Bright. However, we failed to capitalise and once more Forest looked the more threatening, being thwarted by some fine saves by Hobbs. The score remained at 1-1. It had been a poor and disappointing performance by the lads and if they want to progress further in the competition, the have got to show more character and have the pride and belief to play the quality football they are capable of. If they do, I am confident we shall win the replay.

Last Saturday we faced a tough fixture at home to Coventry. This time we started strongly, dictating the play, and always looking dangerous, particularly down the left flank with John Berks in fine form. Two good goals from Jennings and Bright - both headers - gave us a deserved 2-0 half-time lead. The second-half saw Coventry come more into the game, pulling a goal back. However, we immediately replied through another Bright goal to give us a 3-1 lead. Once more, Coventry bounced back with a second goal and placed the home defenders

under pressure. Fortunately the Stoke youngsters held firm and deservedly gained maximum points, thus stretching their unbeaten run to five games.

The Forest game apart, I am very pleased with the quality of the youngsters' play, both as a team and the progress of individuals. It is rewarding to see, and we shall continue to make further strides before the season comes to its climax.

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES

### MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE

9th March 1991

Chesterfield 1 Stoke City 3

Scorers: J. Berks 2, Bright

Team: Hobbs; Lees, Green; Farrell, McLeish, Wileman; Martin, Bright, Percival, J. Berks, Jones. Subs: Stokes & Robinson (for Lees).

16th March 1991

Stoke City 3 Coventry City 2

Scorers: Bright (2), Jennings

Team: Hobbs; Lees, Jennings; Farrell, McLeish, Wileman; Martin, Jones, Bright, Percival, J. Berks. Subs: Mulligan, Potts.

### MIDLAND PURITY YOUTH LEAGUE CUP

13th March 1991

Stoke City 1 Nottingham Forest 1

Scorer: Bright

Team: Hobbs; Lees, Green; Farrell, McLeish, Wileman; Martin, Jennings, Bright, Percival, J. Berks. Subs: Mulligan (for Lees) & Robinson (for Green).

### PONTINS LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

14th March 1991

West Brom. Albion 4 Stoke City 0

Team: Bleamish; Robinson, Gallimore; Farrell, McLeish, Baines; Ellis, Male, Sale, Barnes, J. Berks. Subs: Martin (for Berks) & Boughey (for Ellis). A very youthful Stoke side were convincingly beaten by a strong Albion team in front of a 400 plus crowd. Colin

West scored a hat-trick for the winners.

### FORTHCOMING MATCHES

#### Pontins League Division 2

27th March v. Middlesbrough (h) 7.00pm

3rd April v. Hull City (h) 7.00pm.

10th April v. Middlesbrough (a) 7.00pm.

17th April v. Port Vale (h) 7.00pm.

#### Midland Purity Youth League

30th March v. Nottm.Forest (h) 10.45am.

16th April v. Aston Villa (a) 10.45am.

### Pontins League Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnsley	22	15	6	1	59	25	51
W.B.A.	22	15	6	1	48	15	51
Hull City	24	13	4	7	44	32	43
Bradford C.	23	13	3	7	51	36	42
Bolton Wds.	21	12	5	4	47	27	41
Port Vale	24	10	4	10	45	47	34
Middlesbro'	23	9	6	8	44	39	33
Burnley	22	8	9	5	36	32	33
Oldham Ath.	24	9	5	10	55	53	32
Notts Co.	22	9	4	9	33	28	31
<b>Stoke City</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>29</b>
York City	19	8	4	7	35	29	28
Blackpool	24	7	4	13	43	60	25
Preston NE.	24	6	4	14	46	54	22
Grimsby T.	23	6	2	15	16	46	20
Wigan Ath.	24	6	1	16	40	74	19
Mansfield T.	21	4	6	11	30	39	18
Scunthorpe	22	4	6	12	24	42	18

\* The top 4 clubs will be promoted at the end of the season.

### Midlands Purity Youth League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts County	18	15	3	0	53	8	48
Leicester City	21	14	5	2	46	19	47
Derby County	20	9	5	6	31	25	32
Birmingham City	16	9	3	4	31	21	30
W.B.A.	16	8	5	3	29	18	29
Peterborough U.	18	9	1	8	34	30	28
Port Vale	19	9	1	9	37	36	28
Nottm. Forest	22	8	4	10	33	34	28
Walsall	20	7	5	8	30	41	26
Coventry City	20	7	4	9	37	39	25
<b>Stoke City</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>
Mansfield Town	21	7	3	11	28	41	24
Wolves	18	6	3	9	24	34	21
Northampton T.	21	5	5	11	34	44	20
Chesterfield	20	5	5	10	25	42	20
Aston Villa	19	5	4	10	24	38	19
Shrewsbury Town	20	2	7	11	18	36	13



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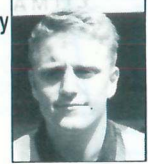
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# This Week in History...

(Compiled by Tony Matthews)

## March 1878

The first-ever football match was staged here at The Victoria Ground - between Stoke and Talke Rangers in a friendly.

## March 1924

Billy Meredith played his last game - for Manchester City v. Newcastle United in an F.A. Cup Semi-final. He was 49 years 245 days young!

## March 1929

Bradford City won two games by the same scoreline of 8-0 in a week, beating Barrow and Tranmere Rovers in that order.

## March 1967

Twenty four years ago over 105,000 spectators attended one F.A. Cup tie in the city of Liverpool - 64,831 crammed into Goodison Park to see Everton take on Liverpool and 40,169 assembled at Anfield to watch the same game on closed-circuit TV.

## March 1974

England international striker Peter Osgood was transferred from Chelsea to Southampton for a then record fee for the Saints of £250,000

## March 1980

Current AFC Bournemouth defender Kevin Bond scored a penalty and conceded an own-goal in each of two successive matches playing for Norwich City versus Stoke City and West Bromwich Albion.

## March 1982

Three goalkeepers were utilised by Leicester City in their home F.A. Cup tie against Shrewsbury Town. Mark Wallington started the match; Allan Young took over after Wallington had got injured, and then one of the smallest players on the pitch, Steve Lynex, donned the green jersey after Young had gone off with a head wound. Leicester still ran out winners by 5-2.

## March 1987

Two extremely low First Division gates (two of the lowest ever) were recorded - both in London - at the Wimbledon-Coventry City game (4,370) and at the Charlton Athletic v. Oxford United clash (4,205).

Also this week in 1987, the Southampton Centenary Society Lottery draw for £5,000 was won by Guy Ashkam, the club's Financial Director! On the very same day at Sunderland, former Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy, who was earning £4,000 a week as boss at Roker Park, won the club's £500 weekly revival draw. Then, a few days later, at Leicester, after the home side had rattled in three goals before half-time against Manchester City, the Lottery Ticket No. 123 won the first prize winner - and it was held by Leicester manager Bryan Hamilton!

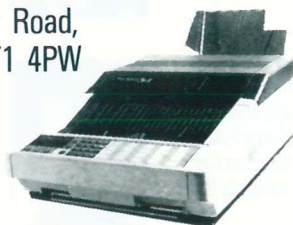
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# Introducing

## BOLTON WANDERERS



Back row (l to r) - Paul Hughes, Barry Cowdrill, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Paul Comstive, Alan Stubbs, Nicky Spooner, Robbie Savage.  
Middle row - Phil Neal (manager), Julian Darby, Gary Henshaw, Dean Crombie, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Mike Jeffrey, Gary Brown, Neil Fisher, Mick Brown (coach).  
Front row - Ewan Simpson (physio), David Reeves, Phil Brown, Tony Philliskirk, Stuart Storer, Steve Thompson, David Burke, Darren Oliver, Scott Green, Steve Carroll (Youth team coach).

Following our 1-0 win at wet and windy Burnden Park early in October, our visitors today, **BOLTON WANDERERS**, then went on to establish a new club record of 23 League games without defeat - a run which came to a crashing end when they were hammered 4-0 by Mansfield Town at muddy Field Mill just eleven days ago.

During that exciting sequence of results the '**Trotters**' shot up the table in style, collecting a staggering total of 53 points out of a possible 69.

After that home lapse against us they sat next to bottom of the table (only Rotherham were below them) and they had just seven points in the bag from nine starts.

When they took the field at Mansfield on the 12th of this month, their record was 60 points from 32 games - and they were second in the Division behind Southend United.

All credit to manager **PHIL NEAL**, but also a lot of credit must also go out to the players themselves who have battled hard and long to get the right blend and to re-establish some uniformity within the ranks at Burnden Park. Because on reflexion, prior to 6th October 1990 they hadn't performed at all well!

There is no doubt that the signing of centre-back **MARK SEAGRAVES** from Manchester City certainly bolstered up a leaky defence, but ace-striker **TONY PHILLISKIRK** 'up front' also started to hit top form at a critical stage in the proceedings, and now he's once again the club's leading scorer, having topped the charts last term as well.

Bolton are a strong running outfit, and they are now very strong candidates for promotion this season despite losing at home in midweek to neighbours Bury by 3-1.

The last time they visited the Second Division was back in season 1982-83, and on current form - they won again last week against Wigan - Bolton look all set to leave the 'Third' in a couple of months time.

Manager **NEAL** will hopefully be able to choose the following thirteen players for action today, that revenge will be gained over Stoke, although having said that the Wanderers haven't won, or scored, at The Victoria Ground, since 22nd February 1964!.....

In goal, and playing well, is **DAVID FELGATE**, a Welshman from Blaenau Ffestiniog who actually commenced his career with Bolton but after failing to impress was sold to Lincoln for £25,000. He was capped by Wales whilst at Sincil Bank and in 1987 returned to Burnden Park from Grimsby for £15,000.





Club captain **PHIL BROWN**, a native of South Shields, cost the club £17,000 from Halifax Town in June 1988.

A right full-back he was an everpresent in the side during the past two seasons and has now topped 160 appearances for Bolton, having earlier chalked up 158 in League and Cup for Halifax and over 240 for his first club, Hartlepoons.

He doesn't score all that many goals - nine for Halifax, 21 for the 'Pool and only eight for Bolton (to date) but he's always eager to have a crack at the target when the opportunity presents itself.

Born on 30th May 1957, he joined Hartlepoons as a youngster back in 1974 and turned professional at the 'other' Victoria Ground in July 1978 making his long awaited League debut in season 1979-80.

But since then he has performed exceedingly well in the No.2 shirt and is now one of the most popular players at Burnden Park.

He's already looking ahead to the future and hopes to take his full F.A. Coaching Badge pretty soon, obviously aiming to stay in football after retiring from the top-class scene....but he's not contemplating hanging up those boots yet - certainly not until he's played in the Second Division!

Club skipper **PHIL BROWN** (see above) and **BARRY COWDRILL** are the full-backs.

**COWDRILL** (pictured below) was Bolton's 1989-90 'Player of the Year' who left West Brom in 1986 after a loan spell with Rotherham. Aged 34, he was once a goalscoring winger with Sutton Coldfield Town and was converted into a full-back by former Albion boss Ron Atkinson. Cowdrill has now topped 170 appearances for the Trotters.

Midfielder/forward **MARK PATTERSON** moved 'down the road' from Bury to Bolton only two and a half months ago for £65,000. Previously with Blackburn and Preston, he's 25, and has now chalked up more than 200 appearances in the League (44 goals scored).

At '5' and '6' bolstering their defence, Bolton have the two Marks - **SEAGRAVES** and **WINSTANLEY**.

**SEAGRAVES**, 24, a former England Youth player and a £100,000 buy from Maine Road, last September, was once on Liverpool's books and since his arrival in the camp, Bolton have come on in leaps and bounds.

**WINSTANLEY**, 23, is a 'home grown player' who became a regular in the Bolton side in 1988-89. He has now amassed in excess of 150 senior appearances for the club.

Walsall-born **SCOTT GREEN**, 21, cost £30,000 from Derby County 12 months ago, having failed to make the breakthrough with the 'Rams' while **STEVE THOMPSON** is the club's longest serving professional, having joined the Wanderers as a 'pro' in 1982. He has now accumulated well over 350 appearances for the Trotters.

Chasing goals today will be **DAVID REEVES** and **TONY PHILLISKIRK**.

**REEVES**, 23, moved to Bolton in 1989 from Sheffield Wednesday for £80,000 - a fee set by an Independent Tribunal. He has also been on loan to both Scunthorpe and Burnley and has now scored over 30 goals in less than 100 appearances as a pro.

**PHILLISKIRK** was secured for £50,000 from P.N.E. in 1989 having earlier played (and scored) for Sheffield United, Rotherham and Oldham. Aged 26, a native of Sunderland, he top scored for Bolton last term and he's leading the charts again this season. He is now in sight of the milestone of 100 goals at competitive level.

**JULIAN DARBY**, a midfielder, has been in the Bolton side since 1986 and is now a vital cog in the team's mechanism. Aged 23, a former England Schools player, he is now nearing 200 games for the Wanderers.

Youngster **ALAN STUBBS** and the experienced **PAUL COMSTIVE**, who has served with Blackburn, Rochdale, Wigan, Wrexham and Burnley over the years, are the likely substitutes today when revenge will be the name of the game (for Bolton) to brush away memories of that home defeat by Stoke earlier in the season and to make up for that disappointing midweek lapse against the 'Shakers' from Gigg Lane.



**BARRY COWDRILL**

## DID YOU KNOW?

\* On 23rd April 1904 Dai Davies of Bolton Wanderers became the only footballer in history to play in an Association and Rugby League International, and also figure in both the F.A. Cup and Rugby League Cup Finals.

\* Back in October 1928 David Jack was transferred from Bolton Wanderers to Arsenal for a fee of £10,890 - thus becoming the first professional footballer to command a five-figure fee.



# PAST MEETINGS



## Stoke City v. Bolton Wanderers

(Football League games only)

Season	At Stoke	At Bolton
1888-89	2-2	1-2
1889-90	0-1	0-5
1891-92	0-1	1-1
1892-93	6-0	4-4
1893-94	5-0	1-4
1894-95	5-0	2-2
1895-96	2-0	1-3
1896-97	2-3	0-4
1897-98	2-0	1-2
1898-99	2-3	0-2
1900-01	2-1	0-1
1901-02	4-0	1-2
1902-03	2-0	3-2
1905-06	1-2	2-1
1906-07	3-0	1-1
1922-23	2-0	1-1
1935-36	1-2	2-1
1936-37	2-2	0-0
1937-38	3-2	0-1
1938-39	4-1	3-1
1946-47	1-2	2-3
1947-48	2-0	1-0
1948-49	4-0	1-2
1949-50	3-2	0-4
1950-51	2-1	1-1
1951-52	1-2	1-1
1952-53	1-2	1-2
1963-64	0-1	4-3
1977-78	0-0	1-1
1979-80	1-0	1-2
1990-91	—	1-0

**Summary:** Games played - 61. Stoke have recorded 25 wins, Bolton 24 and there have been 12 draws.

As you will gather, the 1-0 win at Burnden Park earlier this season was sufficient just to give Stoke the edge in wins since we started meeting Bolton in League games.

## Played FOR BOTH CLUBS

We have identified 14 players in common with today's visitors Bolton Wanderers. However, four of these in question came to Stoke having not made their mark at Burnden Park or at least not made the first team.



Our very own **TONY ELLIS** is the first in this category who had a trial spell with the Trotters. **PAUL CROOKS** is another who made just the odd appearance for us having left the apprentice ranks at Bolton.

**DICKIE CUNLIFFE** was an amateur at Bolton who found fame and fortune at Port Vale in the 1950's and played here at Stoke for just after a year. Finally **TOM KAY** was Stoke's first 'keeper after the Great War and he had been a reserve at Bolton.

Of the others, current supporters will recall he likes of **TONY HENRY** (pictured above), **IAN MOORES**, **ROBBIE SAVAGE** and **MICK DOYLE**.

**DOYLE** played an integral part in Alan Durban's promotion side but having restored our place in the Premier section Durban moved to Sunderland. Sadly **DOYLE** seemed to get on less well with replacement boss Richie Barker and after a poor performance at home to Manchester United when Stoke went down 3-0, **DOYLE** carried the can and within days was transferred to Bolton for what was described as a small fee.

The other players on the list are inter war men **WILLIAM HERBERT** and **JOHN TENNANT** as well as pre Great War players **WILLIAM DICKSON**, **JIM TURNER** (who won England caps at both clubs) **WALLY McREDDIE** and **JIM McGEACHAN**.

## MEET THE MANAGER - PHIL NEAL

As a player - with Northampton Town, Liverpool and Bolton - Phil Neal won honours galore as well as accumulating a staggering total of more than 920 League and various Cup appearances, including 455 in the First Division for the Anfield 'Reds.'

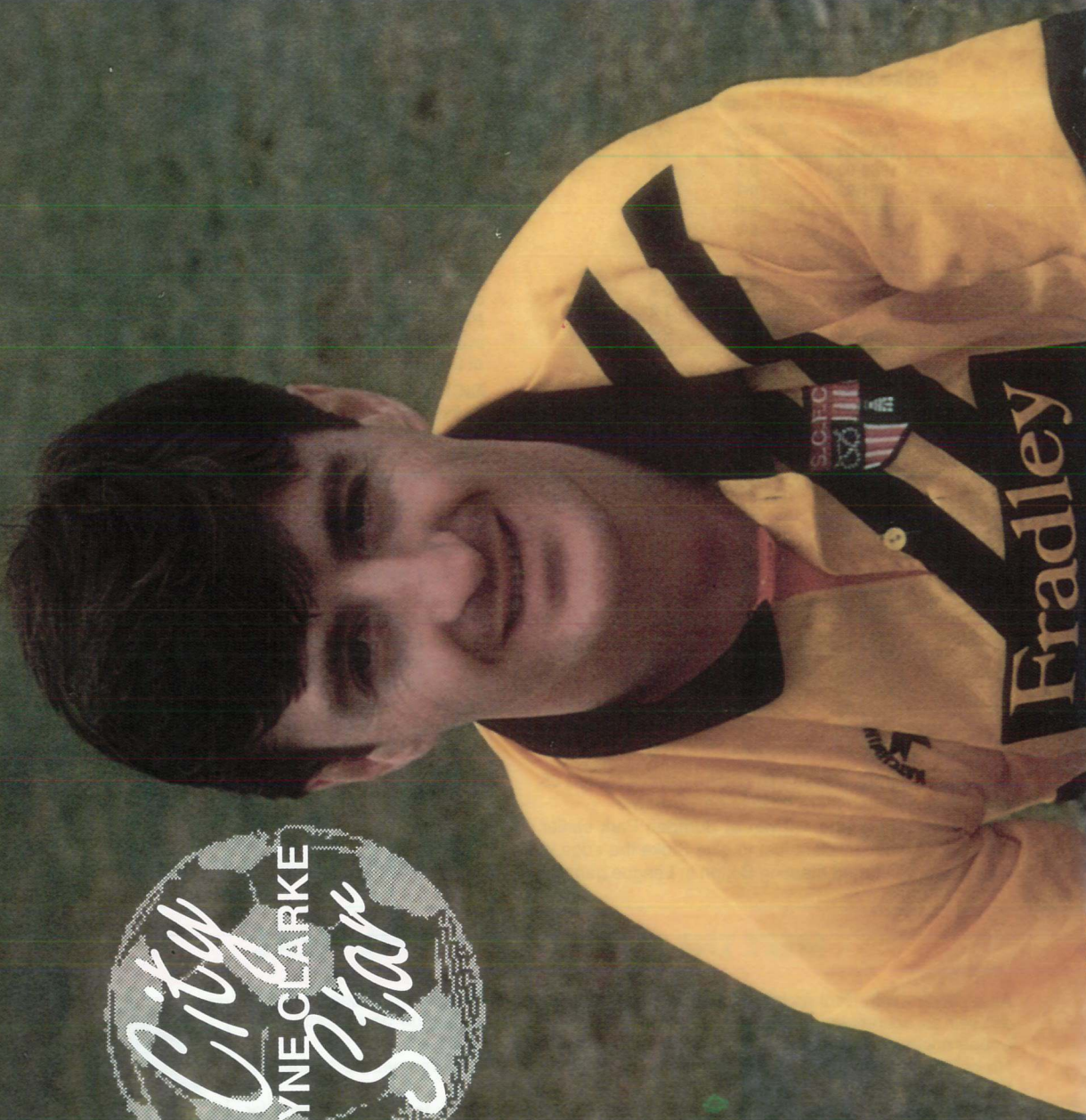
He celebrated his 40th birthday last month having played his first competitive football for the Cobblers back in 1968.

After leaving the County Ground for Anfield for £65,000 he went on to win 50 full caps for England as well as playing in the 'B' team and for the Football League XI. His medal haul for the 'Reds' was quite amazing - 4 European Cup wins, seven in the First Division of the Football League, 4 League Cup triumphs and one Super Cup victory.

Phil took charge at Bolton in December 1983, being one of the youngest bosses in the League at the time. He subsequently guided the Trotters back into the Third Division in 1988 (after they had gone down under his reign) and then followed up by seeing the Wanderers beat Torquay in the Sherpa Van Trophy Final, having lost to Bristol City in the same competition three of years earlier.















### RETURN TO FORM

Following a marvellous 4-0 victory over high-flying Brentford and that unbelievable last-gasp winner in the derby match with Crewe, last week's defeat at lowly Shrewsbury was a great disappointment.

The Shropshire side have recently been somewhat of a 'bogey team' for the Potters, so hopefully the players will now put that episode to the back of their minds and be able to return to winning form in this afternoon's crunch promotion battle with Bolton Wanderers.

### ROTHMANS QUIZ

Our Quiz teams' reward for beating Everton in this year's Rothmans Quiz is an away tie at Manchester United (Chester & North Wales Branch). The tie is to take place tomorrow afternoon (the 24th) at the Hawarden Castle Public House in Queensferry, beginning at approximately 2.15pm. Best of luck to the team of Harry Teggin, Martin Smith, Dave Frith and Andrew Tideswell.

### PORT VALE QUIZ

Arrangements are currently in hand for this year's quiz against Port Vale, scheduled to take place towards the end of April. Full details will be published as soon as they are available.

### CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

We are pleased to announce that Club Chairman, Mr. Peter Coates, has accepted our invitation to take part in a 'Question Time' event in the near future. We have suggested dates of this Monday, 25th March or Thursday 4th April and full details will be published as soon as they are available.

It should be noted that this event will be strictly for Supporters Club members ONLY.

### SAFETY FIRST

We are pleased to have been included in the Staffordshire County Council Safety Committee meeting at The Victoria Ground recently. The general opinion of the ground was very complimentary and a programme of on-going minor work was agreed.

Work in accordance with The Taylor Report will precede as necessary and will also include a disabled area in the overall scheme of events.

### BYE BYE BREN!

We recently heard that the Club's Community Officer Brendan O'Callaghan is to leave Stoke City following his promotion to Area Manager. Our best wishes go to Brendan in his new post along with our thanks for all the hard work he has put in at Stoke City F.C.

Secretary Nicholas J. Mansfield - Tel: 0782 744674

## Junior POTTERS

Newsdesk  
with  
Phil Meeson



### WELCOME JUNIOR WHITES

May I extend a very warm welcome this afternoon to the Junior Whites from Bolton, who have been our guests today. This morning in the gym, the Junior Potters played a series of five-a-side matches against the Young Whites and I do hope everyone who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Like ourselves, Bolton have always been regarded as a 'Big' club and it would be nice to think that in a few years time we could both be back in our rightful place in Division One, and that the Juniors could carry on their friendships that have been formed along the trek back to the top flight.

Anyway I do hope you all enjoy this afternoon's game, watching from our Family Stand and I wish you a safe journey home to Lancashire tonight.

### TRIP TO HUDDERSFIELD

Bookings are now being taken for the Junior Potters away trip on Saturday 6th April. Places are going quickly, so please hurry to avoid disappointment. Our coach will be leaving the Stoke End car park at 10am and the cost of the day trip will be £5.50 for juniors and £6.00 for adults - and this price will include coach travel, lunch and match tickets. At this moment in time I am not quite sure about the definition of 'lunch' so it might be as well if you take along some extra bits for the journey! On arrival we shall be playing football (5-a-side) at a venue in Huddersfield, probably the Sports Centre, against the Young Terriers, and for the game we shall be sitting in their family enclosure!

### FINAL CHANCE FOR SWANSEA

Anyone who is interested in the Junior Potters away weekend at Swansea next week must contact Diane as soon as possible to book your places as time is now very short and bookings have to be forwarded to the hotel.

The cost of the weekend which includes two night bed and breakfast plus an evening meal and coach travel, is £70.00 per adult and £16.00 for children, although Match Tickets are not included in this price! The hotel will be the 'Ladbroke Hilton' which is highly recommended and has all modern facilities, including an indoor swimming pool, and is also noted for its high cuisine. A really good Easter break is in prospect and I can assure everyone who comes will have a thoroughly enjoyable time

### FRIENDLY GAME v. WREXHAM

As I mentioned in the Crewe programme, the Junior Potters will be playing a friendly against a team of Under 12's from Wrexham on Saturday 13th April, prior to our home game with Leyton Orient. So if you're under 12 and fancy a game, please contact Diane on 413511 and she will put your name down to play. There is only 16 for the squad, so it's first come, first served!

By the way, the Wrexham lads are being brought over by ex-Wrexham footballer Roger Mostyn who used to play in the same team as Mickey Thomas at the Racecourse Ground, and who's son is also a Junior Potter!

### OUR NEXT HOME GAME

The next first team game will, in fact, be here at The Victoria Ground next Tuesday night, 26th March, against Mansfield Town, kick-off: 7.30pm. Once again the midweek clash means no games against the Junior Stags, buy maybe we might get to play them at some future date!

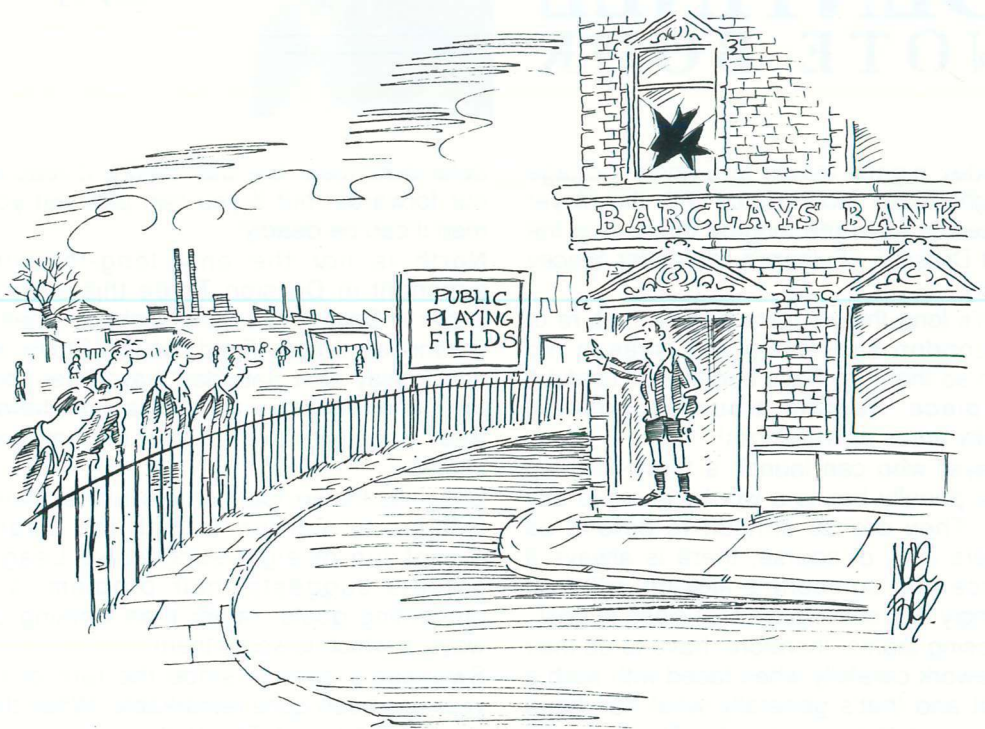
### TRIP TO SHEFFIELD

On Saturday, 20th April, a trip is being organised for the Junior Potters to travel to Bramall Lane, Sheffield, where we shall be playing the Junior Blades at 5-a-side football in the morning, before having some lunch with them and of course watching United's League game in the afternoon against Tottenham Hotspur. I can promise you a very good day out and the respective prices are: £4.50 adults and £3.50 for children.

So if you fancy seeing the goalscoring skills of Gary Lineker, Brian Deane and Tony Agana, and such likes, then this is the trip for you. Contact Diane or Claire on 413511 to book your place as from Monday 25th March. We shall be leaving the Stoke ground at 9.00am on the Saturday morning.

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# THE SENTINEL NOTE BOOK



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Tuesday night's match at Craven Cottage brought Stoke face to face with the player reputed to have the longest throw-in in the Third Division - Fulham's defender Stacey North.

North's long throws have been a feature of the London side's play this season, so much so that they have become as useful a 'set piece' weapon around opposition penalty areas as free-kicks!

A player who can launch a throw-in deep into a penalty box is a worthy asset to any side. They are as difficult to defend as corners and, of course, there is always a chance that someone's flick-on will drop invitingly at a colleague's feet close to goal. Opposing teams, therefore, have to do their homework carefully when faced with such a threat and that's generally what has been happening this season, for North is still waiting for one of his throws to produce a goal for the Cottagers!

"I'm ever hopeful that one of them will eventually do so" says the former Luton Town and West Brom star. "I started developing my throw-in at school and I've continued working on length and direction.

"I have a special technique - a lot of players just lob the ball high onto the air and that makes it easy for a goalkeeper to come and claim, but I try to be a little different and aim for the flick-on.

"To do that you have to throw the ball in a flatter arc; the risk is that the opposing

defenders clear the ball before it reaches our forwards, but if you can pick out your men it can be deadly."

North is not the only long-throwing exponent in Division Three this season. Down in South Wales, the slight confines of Swansea's Vetch Field, where Stoke are due to play next Saturday, have been ideal for Terry Yorath's men when midfielder Andy Legg winds up to hurl the ball back into play.

Legg has the six foot frame of striker Jimmy Gilligan to aim for, though the Swans' recent run of eight successive League defeats suggests their problem is in preventing goals, rather than working out ways in which to score them!

Swansea's demise since the turn of the year has been quite remarkable. When they drew 2-2 here at The Victoria Ground on Boxing Day, they were in the middle of a form run which brought them 13 points from five League fixtures and hoisted them onto the edge of the promotion frame in 10th place.

Last weekend's defeat at Tranmere - following similar fates against Brentford, Bury, Mansfield, Exeter, Birmingham, AFC Bournemouth and Southend - left them 19th and looking towards relegation.

We can only hope a recovery does not gather pace at Stoke's expense next weekend.

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VISITORS' TERRACE - Dalton Bank End (open) - price: £4.00

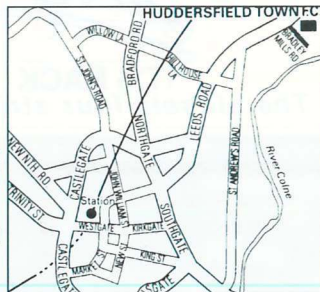
VISITORS' SEATS - Main Stand - price: £6.50.

Huddersfield's programme is priced at 80p.

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Saturday 30th March - kick-off: 3.00pm.

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VISITORS' TERRACE - West terrace (open) - price: £3.80 adults; £2.20 juniors/OAP's.

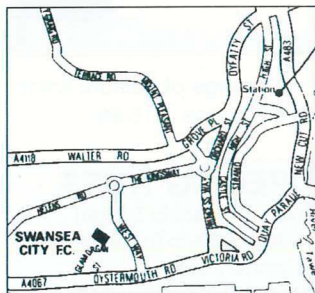
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VISITORS' SEATS - in Main Stand - price: £6.50 centre & £6.00 east. (One adult, one junior - £8.50).

Programme for the match will be £1.00.

Ground capacity at Swansea is 16,098.

**How to get there:** M6 south to join up with M5. Leave M5 at J15 to join M4 West. Leave M4 at J45 and follow the A4067 into Swansea. Go through town centre and keep on the A4067, turn right into Victoria Road which runs into Oystermouth Road. Turn right into Argyle Street and the Vetch Field ground is the first turning on the right.



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## HALL of FAME

### FRANK BOWYER

Frank Bowyer was a local boy who joined Stoke on leaving school. He emerged through the Junior ranks signing just before World War Two broke out. Football of course faced major disruption during the hostilities but the young Bowyer got plenty of early games as the more senior players were called up for service.

During wartime football he made 162 League and Cup appearances for Stoke, netting 56 goals. Remarkably his first class debut did not come until he was almost 26 - in February 1948 (war games did not count as first class appearances).

Bowyer was part of a generation of young Stoke players who were to emerge during the war and provide such a strong base for the local side that saw the club prosper in the post war period. The likes of Franklin and Frank Mountford quickly come to mind.

Frank Bowyer was a quality inside-forward with a powerful right foot shot. His first full season (1948-49) saw him amongst the leading scorers

in the country for a long period. In the summer of 1950 he won representative honours when he toured Canada with the F.A. Party.

A consistent scorer throughout his career, he moved into a deeper role as time went on and many Stoke fans of the fifties will recall that Bowyer was playing the long pass with precision years before Johnny Haynes created such a stir with similar play for Fulham and England.

Just three short of Freddie Steele's scoring record for League games, Frank retired from the Football League scene to play for Macclesfield for a short while and Stoke lost one of their truly great players, not that Bowyer had won honours on the national stage but here was a player who had given yeoman service to the club for over 21 years, which obviously makes him a candidate for the 'Hall of Fame.'

This is Frank's record with Stoke City...



Season	League		F.A.Cup		Totals	
	A	G	A	G	A	G
1946-47	-	-	-	-	-	-
1947-48	1	-	-	-	1	-
1948-49	31	21	4	-	35	21
1949-50	42	15	1	-	43	15
1950-51	39	16	4	3	43	19
1951-52	15	1	4	-	19	1
1952-53	29	3	2	-	31	3
1953-54	41	14	3	4	44	18
1954-55	29	13	6	2	35	15
1955-56	42	16	5	2	47	18
1956-57	38	14	1	-	39	14
1957-58	36	5	5	-	41	5
1958-59	24	6	2	-	26	6
1959-60	31	13	1	1	32	14
Totals:	398	137	38	12	436	149

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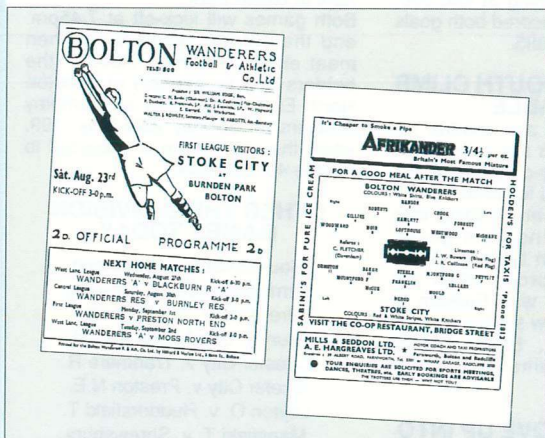
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# COLLECTOR'S Corner

Saturday, August 23rd saw the first game of the 1947-48 season when Bolton faced a Stoke City side who had finished fourth in Division One the previous season, defeat at Sheffield United in the last match costing Stoke the title.

Bolton's programme was one piece of paper folded into three, making six pages in total. The front cover



(reproduced here) contained the match details.

The programme (5.1/2" x 7") was printed in blue on a white background throughout.

Page 2 - 'Our Message' - "We shall miss the artistry of the ex-Stoke wizard, Stan Matthews, but even his absence can have little, if any effect on the Potteries' team of good blend."

Page 3, fixtures for '47-48; Page 4 'Blank' League tables - Stoke second without a ball being kicked!

Page 5 carried the half-time scoreboard and an ad for 'The Greatest name in Bread - Mellings - a firm of the future'!

Page 6 featured the team line-ups. Lofthouse was at No.9 for the Trotters whilst Stoke's team was Herod; Mould, McCue; Sellars, Franklin, Mountford F.; Pettit, Mountford G., Steele, Baker and Ormston.

Stoke won their first match of the season by 1-0. And the programme is now valued at between £5 and £7.

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## YOUNG EAGLE OF THE MONTH

Everton's midfielder John Ebbrell was voted Barclays 'Young Eagle' for the month of February. The England Under 21 skipper receives a cheque for £250 (to be donated to his chosen Charity) and a specially commissioned Eagle Trophy.

The respective Regional Awards went to the following players.....

North East - Steve Watson (Newcastle United)

Yorkshire - Chris Marsden (Huddersfield Town)

Midlands - Daryl Burgess (West Bromwich Albion)

London & East Anglia - Warren Barton (Wimbledon)

London & the South - Paul McCarthy (Brighton & H.A.)

The panel of judges this time were Jimmy Armfield, Jack Charlton, Trevor Cherry, Stan Cullis, Ron Greenwood, Bill Nicholson and Terry Yorath.

## RAY'S IN CHARGE

Ray Lewis from Great Bookham, Surrey, will referee the Rumbelows League Cup Final between Manchester United and Sheffield Wednesday on Sunday 21st April, 1991. His two linesmen will be John Biddle from Solihull and Mike Bullivant from Cambridge. The reserve official will be Terry Holbrook of Walsall.

## COMIC RELIEF AT LEAGUE CLUBS

Several of the 92 League clubs helped out with Comic Relief recently including Aston Villa, who sold a limited number of photographs of players supporting red noses; Blackpool arranged a three-legged Charity Match at half-time during their game against Scarborough; Port Vale's Community Office Staff took on their counterparts from Hull City in a 5-a-side fancy dress match and Crystal Palace held a sponsored 'It's A Knockout' for 40 local children.

All the money raised from these (and other) specially arranged functions will go to long term development and emergency work in Africa and to projects within the U.K. helping such as the homeless and disabled.

## ARSENAL IN LINE FOR THE TREBLE

Not only are Arsenal chasing the League and F.A. Cup double, but the club is still in the hunt to achieve a domestic treble!

Their Ladies' team are going great guns in their F.A. Cup competition, and bookmakers William Hill are currently offering excellent odds of 28-1 against the Gunners taking the honours in all three competitions.

## LIVE GAMES ON TV

Monday 1st April - Southampton v. Liverpool (5.00pm)

Sunday 21st April - Manch. Utd. v. Sheff. W. (RLCF 3.00pm)

Monday 6th May - Nottingham Forest v. Liverpool (5.00pm)

## HALIFAX TAKE THE PRIZE

Halifax Town's recent 5-2 home win over Walsall in a Fourth Division game earned the 'Shaymen' the 'Barclays Performance of the Week' Award. The beneficiaries will be a local Boys' Club who receive a cheque for £300 and a full set of Barclays playing kit.

## REARRANGED MATCHES

Here are the dates of two rearranged games which still prove vital (as far as Stoke are concerned) in the Third Division...

9th April - Bury v. Grimsby Town

23rd April - Fulham v. Brentford



# DIVISION 3 NEWS & VIEWS

## TWELVE GAME UNBEATEN RUN FOR THE 'TERRIERS'

Huddersfield Town moved up into 7th place in the table thanks to an unbeaten run of 12 games with five wins and seven draws. In their latest three games they beat Crewe Alexandra 3-1 at home, drew 2-2 with Exeter City and then played out a 1-1 draw with Chester City at Leeds Road, the latter watched by a crowd of 5,337.

Their run started when former Aston Villa skipper and Wolves manager (for three games) Ian Ross replaced Peter Withe as assistant manager. Ian was having his usual six month close season break from his duties as manager of KR Iceland, when Huddersfield boss Eion Hand phoned him at his Wolverhampton home to ask him to join the 'Terriers.'

## FIRST DEFEAT IN EIGHT GAMES

Birmingham City lost for the first time in eight games when they went down 2-0 at Deepdale. Two disallowed goals late in the game added to the frustration of the Blues' large travelling support in a crowd of 5,334. The previous Saturday Lou Macari's side had drawn 1-1 with Rotherham at Millmoor with John Frain equalising with a penalty on 79 minutes. But then two minutes later Clive Mendonca hit a post with a spot-kick for the Millers. In between these two games the Blues had beaten Fulham 2-0 at St. Andrews before a much-improved attendance of 8,083.

## WANDERERS' RUN ENDS

Today's opponents Bolton Wanderers beat Fulham 3-0 at Burnden Park with goals by Philliskirk (2) and Patterson - and this victory took their unbeaten League run to 23 games. It was a convincing performance against a side who had not won an away League match in 12 months. But the following Tuesday Bolton travelled to Field Mill to take on Mansfield - and the unexpected happened - they went down 4-0 before an above average crowd of 3,611. Last Saturday Bolton showed no signs of a hangover, however, and they retained third place in the table

with a 2-1 win over Wigan Athletic at Burnden Park. This latest success moved them eight points clear of fourth-placed Bury.

## THREE WINS IN A WEEK

Promotion hopefuls Grimsby Town recently registered three wins in a week. They started off by beating leaders Southend United 1-0 at Blundell Park thanks to a goal from midfielder Dave Gilbert, a £60,000 bargain buy from Northampton. The turnout for this top of the table clash was 9,689.

The Mariners then travelled to Rotherham in midweek and came away with another three points after an emphatic 4-1 victory. Their next victims were Brentford who went down 2-0 at Blundell Park, and another bargain signing at £80,000, striker Neil Woods, scored both goals before a crowd of 6,685.

## AFC BOURNEMOUTH CLIMB THE TABLE

AFC Bournemouth are another inform team who look like candidates for a promotion play-off place. A 2-1 win at Swansea was followed by a 2-0 home triumph over Reading with Andy Jones scoring both goals. Jones was again on the scoresheet the following Saturday when the Cherries drew 1-1 with Fulham at Craven Cottage. New signing, and ex Stoke midfielder, Brian Talbot equalised for Fulham after 79 minutes.

## TRANMERE MOVE UP INTO FIFTH PLACE

The boy Ian Muir scored a vital goal for Rovers to earn his side a 1-0 win over Wigan at Springfield Park. The previous Saturday they had gone down 1-0 to Reading at Elm Park. Swansea City were Tranmere's next victims when they lost 2-1 at Prenton Park. The game looked like ending in a 1-1 draw when the Welshmen had a goal by Terry Connor disallowed for offside with just five minutes left. Then Muir showed why he is so highly-rated by slamming in the winner for Rovers right at the death to earn his side three precious points.

## RELEGATION WORRIES EASED

Welcome home wins over Mansfield Town (1-0) and Bradford City (4-2 - attendance 1,303) moved Chester City twelve points clear of third from bottom club Shrewsbury Town. Neil Morton scored in both of these games and has proved to be a very good investment, following his £50,000 transfer from Northwich Victoria earlier in the season.

## ATTENDANCE FACTS & FIGURES

Despite a number of club's showing a fall in gates, overall the picture is more positive with the Third Division

as a whole showing an increase of more the 3% on last year's figures and a projected 2.9 million attendance total for the current season.

Six clubs - Brentford +6.2%, Cambridge United +42.6%, Grimsby Town +9.3%, Reading +12.7%, Southend United +36.9% and Wigan Athletic +5.9% - are showing an increase on average home League gates from last term although **Stoke City** are only fractionally down at the minute on their 1989-90 figures.

## LEYLAND DAF CUP

The Southern Area Final of this season's competition is between Birmingham City and Brentford - and the two legs will be played as follows: 26th March at St. Andrews and 9th April at Griffin Park.

Both games will kick-off at 7.45pm. and the outright winners will then meet either Tranmere Rovers (the holders and favourites) or Preston North End in the Final at Wembley Stadium on Sunday 26th May, 199, when the attendance is expected to top the 40,000 mark.

## OTHER THIRD DIVISION GAMES TODAY

Bournemouth v. Southend  
Birmingham City v. Reading  
Brentford v. Bradford City  
Bury v. Cambridge United  
Chester City v. Tranmere R.  
Exeter City v. Preston N.E.  
Leyton O. v. Huddersfield T.  
Mansfield T. v. Shrewsbury  
Rotherham Utd. v. Fulham  
Swansea City v. Grimsby T.  
Wigan Ath. v. Crewe Alex.

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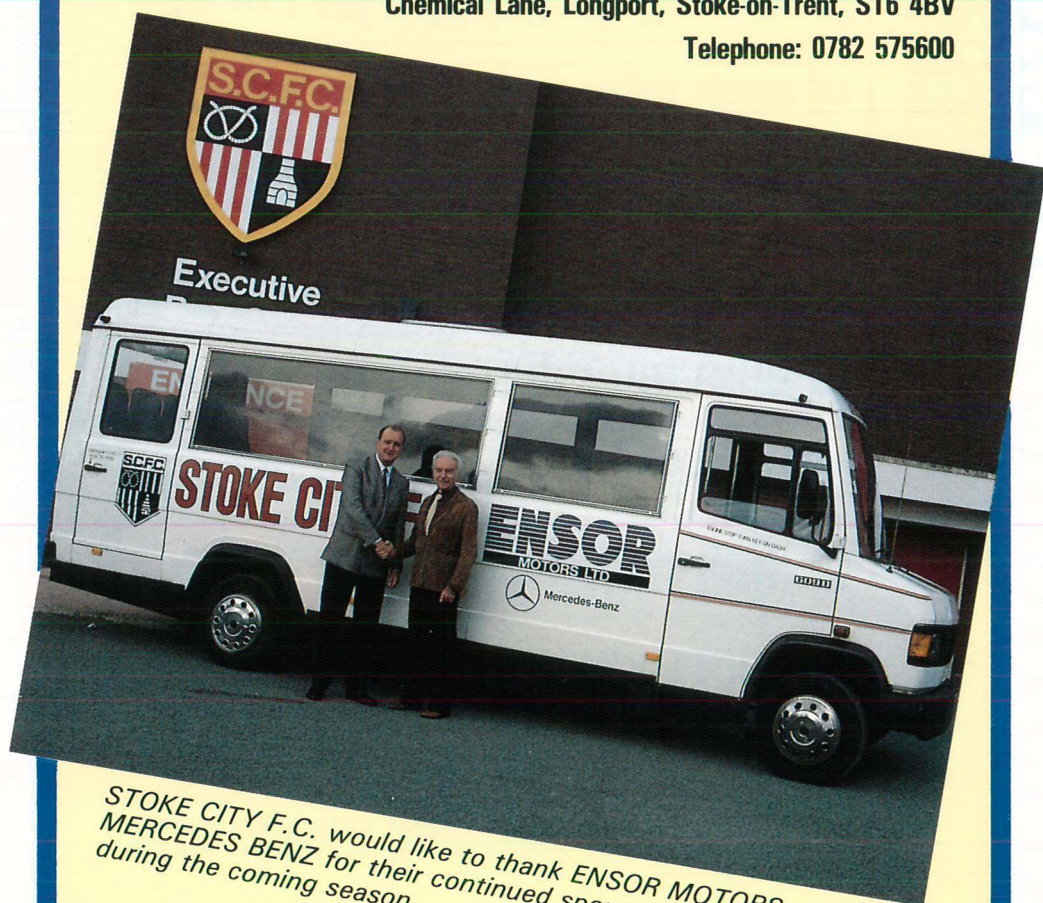


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# STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Date	Opponents	F	A	Att.	1	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>AUGUST</b>																			
25	ROTHERHAM UTD	3-1		12,748	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake (1)	Fowler	Kennedy (1p)	Ellis	Thomas (1)	Biggins	Kelly	Ware (11s)	Ware (11s)		
29	SWANSEA (L.C. 1/1)	0-0		7,806	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Fowler	Kennedy (1p)	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Boughy (8s)			
31	TRANNEMERE ROVERS	2-1		10,327	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Fowler	Kennedy (1p)	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
<b>SEPT.</b>																			
8	SWANSEA (L.C. 1/2)	1-0		4,484	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
15	A.F.C. BOURNEMOUTH	0-1		16,009	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
18	CHESTER CITY	1-1		6,374	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
22	SOUTHWEND UNITED	*4-0		11,901	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
26	WEST HAM (L.C. 2/1)	0-3		15,870	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
29	SHREWSBURY T.	1-3		12,672	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
<b>OCT.</b>																			
2	CRAWLEY ALEXANDRA	2-1		7,200	Fox	Bulter	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
9	WARRINGTON	1-0		8,591	Fox	Bulter	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
10	WEST HAM (L.C. 2/2)	1-2		8,411	Fox	Bulter	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
13	FULHAM	2-1		12,394	Fox	Bulter	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
20	CAMBRIDGE UTD	1-1		12,673	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
24	BRADFORD CITY	2-1		8,068	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
27	GRIMSBY TOWN	0-2		10,799	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
<b>NOV.</b>																			
4	READING	0-1		12,245	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
7	NORTHAMPTON (LDC)	1-1		4,339	Fox	Bulter	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
10	WIGAN ATHLETIC	2-0		12,756	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
17	TELFORD U. (F.A. Cup 1)	0-0		3,709	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
21	TELFORD U. (F.A.C.R)	1-0		11,880	Fox	Rennie	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
24	BURY	1-1		5,118	Fox	Rennie	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
<b>DEC.</b>																			
1	EXETER CITY (CUP2)	0-2		5,377	Fox	Rennie	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
12	BRENTFORD	2-2		12,995	Fox	Ware	Statham	Sandford	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
19	PRESTON NORTH END	0-2		7,532	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
22	SWANSEA CITY	2-2		12,534	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
26	HUDDERSFIELD	2-0		11,869	Fox	Bulter	Fowler	Beeston	Cranston	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
<b>JAN.</b>																			
1	LEYTON ORIENT	2-0		6,371	Fox	Bulter	Fowler	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
12	WARRINGTON ROV	0-3		1,660	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
19	ROTHAM Utd.	0-0		6,236	Fox	Fowler	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
<b>FEB.</b>																			
2	CHESTER CITY	2-3		11,037	Fox	Bulter	Cranston	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
5	Southern United	0-1		5,164	Fox	Bulter	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
16	BURY	2-2		9,885	Fox	Bulter	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
23	Wigan Athletic	0-4		3,728	Fox	Bulter	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
26	BOURNEMOUTH	1-3		7,797	Fox	Bulter	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
<b>MARCH</b>																			
2	EXETER CITY	2-0		8,536	Fox	Beeston	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
9	Mansfield T.	0-0		2,941	Fox	Ware	Statham	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
5	Brentford	4-0		7,249	Fox	Beeston (1)	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
13	CREWE ALEX.	1-0		15,455	Fox	Rennie	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
16	Shrewsbury Town	0-2		6,210	Fox	Beeston	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
19	Uthmaniyah	0-2		3,131	Fox	Beeston	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
26	BRIMMINGHAM	1-0			Fox	Beeston	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
30	MANSFIELD T.	1-0			Fox	Beeston	Carr	Beeston	Blake	Sandford	Kennedy	Ellis	Thomas	Biggins	Ware	Fowler			
<b>APRIL</b>																			
1	PRESTON N.E.	1																	
6	Huddersfield T.	1																	
13	LEYTON ORIENT	1																	
27	Cambridge United	1																	
27	BRADFORD CITY	1																	
<b>MAY</b>																			
4	GRIMSBY TOWN	4																	
11	Reading	1																	

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Southern	34	12	3	2	31	18	10	1	6	27	21	70
Grimsby Town	34	12	3	2	34	11	7	5	5	19	16	64
Bolton Wanderers	35	10	5	4	27	17	8	4	4	20	21	63
Bury	36	10	4	3	30	20	6	6	7	25	26	58
Tranmere Rovers	35	10	5	3	31	16	6	4	7	19	23	57
Huddersfield	36	11	3	5	31	19	4	8	5	15	20	56
Cambridge Utd	30	8	4	4	25	19	5	5	2	24	13	55
Brentford	34	9	3	5	19	15	7	8	4	22	21	53
Bournemouth	35	10	5	2	28	16	4	6	8	17	28	53
<b>Stoke City</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>
Birmingham	36	6	7	4	17	16	7	6	6	20	23	52
Reading	32	9	3	4	27	20	6	2	8	17	19	50
Bradford City	32	8	2	7	27	21	5	6	4	19	17	47
Wigan Athletic	34	9	2	5	30	18	4	5	9	21	29	46
Leyton Orient	32	11	1	4	26	15	2	3	11	10	29	43
Exeter City	35	8	6	3	24	12	3	2	13	17	27	41
Preston N.E.	34	8	4	6	22	14	3	3	10	16	27	40
Chester City	32	7	2	6	18	16	4	4	9	16	22	39
Swansea City	32	6	4	5	24	20	4	1	12	13	30	35
Shrewsbury Town	32	4	6	6	17	16	3	3	10	26	34	30
Crewe Alex.	32	4	7	6	24	25	3	1	11	21	32	29
Fulham	34	6	4	6	20	19	0	6	11	9	28	29
Mansfield Town	34	3	5	8	14	18	3	5	10	18	28	28
Rotherham Utd	33	3	8	6	18	25	1	2	13	10	39	22

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Player	Age	Former Club	Fee	Apps.	Gls
<b>PLAYER</b>	23	Notts County	£30,000	114+5	6
BARNES Paul	23	Y.T.S.	-	77	23
BEESTON Carl	29	Manchester City	£250,000	59	2
BIGGINS Wayne	29	Leeds United	£50,000	5+5	-
BLAKE Noel	20	Y.T.S.	-	0+1	-
BOUGHEY Darren	18	Y.T.S.	£75,000	105	2
BRIGHT David	28	Wigan Athletic	£75,000	129+8	-
BUTLER John	26	Juventus	£45,000	4	1
CHAPMAN Paul	26	Manchester City	£45,000	29	1
CARKE Wayne	26	Sheff. Wednesday	£450,000	9+2	2
CRANSON Ian	26	Y.T.S.	-	4	2
DEVLIN Mark	18	Preston North End	£250,000	57+5	12
ELLIS Tony	28	Y.T.S.	-	0+2	-
FARRELL Steve	22	Y.T.S.	-	27+9	-
FOWLER Lee	33	Sheff. Wednesday	£15,000	449	-
FOX Peter	33	Y.T.S.	-	0+2	-
GALLIMORE Tony	18	Y.T.S.	-	44+2	1
HIGGINS Mark	32	Bury	£150,000	16	3
HILAIRE Vince	31	Leeds United	Free	13+18	3
KELLY Tony	24	St. Albans City	£15,000	34	3
KENNEDY Mick	29	Luton Town	£250,000	20+2	-
MALE David	21	Notts County	£75,000	1	-
MALE David	20	Preston North End	Free	1	-
NOBLE David	20	Y.T.S.	-	5	-
REANEY Scott	18	Y.T.S.	-	9	-
RENNIE Brian	20	Crewe Alexandra	£20,000	0+2	-
RICE Mark	27	Nott.F.	Loan	62	5
SALE Mark	18	Y.T.S.	-	17+7	1
SANDFORD Lee	22	Portsmouth	£140,000	106+7	22
SCOTT Ian	23	Manchester City	£175,000	53+14	3
STATHAM Derek	31	Southampton	£75,000	1	-
THOMAS Mickey	36	Leeds United	Free	-	-
THOMAS Paul	20	Y.T.S.	-	-	-
WARE Paul	18	Y.T.S.	-	-	-
WRIGHT Ian	18	Y.T.S.	-	-	-

\*Also played in 1990-91 (both on loan) EVANS Gareth, 7 apps. 2 gls. & WHITEHURST Ray, 5 apps.

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## DIVISION THREE FACTS 'n' FIGURES

**Highest Attendance:** 16,009 - Stoke City v. Birmingham City 8-9-90  
**Lowest Attendance:** 631 - Chester City v. Reading 5-3-91  
**Best Average:** 12,016 - Stoke City  
**Lowest Average:** 1,590 - Chester City  
**Goal Power:** Southern - 60 goals scored (34 games)  
**Top Stoppers:** Grimsby Town (27 goals conceded in 35 games)  
**Best Home Record:** Grimsby (17 games for 38 points)  
**Best Away Record:** Southern (17 games for 31 points)  
**Top Scorers:** 24 goals - Angell (Southern), Phillipskirk (Bolton), 18 - Gilligan (Swansea), 17 - Page (Wigan); Dublin (Cambridge) 16 - Castle (Orient) & Blissett (AFC Bournemouth).  
**Penalties Scored:** 50 (out of a total of 70 awarded)  
**Sendings-Off:** 26 (in League games only)



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## JIMMY ROBERTSON

James Gillen Robertson was born in Cardonald, Glasgow, in December 1944. A right-winger he had a trial at Middlesbrough before joining Cowdenbeath. He won Scottish Youth and Amateur International honours, eventually moving to St. Mirren.

His wing play soon won rave notices and a whole posse of scouts made their way north of the border with Jimmy eventually linking up with Tottenham Hotspur. He went on to win one full cap and 4 at Under 23 level as well as collecting an F.A. Cup winners' medal with Spurs in 1967. Jimmy then became one of only a handful of players to move across North London to Arsenal since the war where he had a short spell before linking up with Ipswich Town for whom he played some of the best football of his career.

Tony Waddington had money to invest after the League Cup win and F.A. Cup semi-finals of 1972 and he paid out £80,000 for Jimmy's signature in June of that year.

Jimmy was to stay at Stoke for over five years after making his debut in the Third Place 1972 F.A. Cup Play-Off match which was staged as a curtain raiser to the start of the 1972-73 season (a goalless draw at Birmingham City).

In the summer of 1977 he played for Seattle Sounders in the NASL and they were runners-up that season to New York Cosmos (going down 2-1 in the Final in Portland). He then continued in the Football League, first with Walsall and then with Crewe Alexandra before quitting the game.

Jimmy stayed in the area after retiring from football.

**NEXT**

## at the VICTORIA GROUND MANSFIELD TOWN

Our next visitors to The Victoria Ground are Mansfield Town (the Stags) for a re-arranged fixture. This will be a quick return for the game at Field Mill in early March which was Graham Paddon's third in charge of team affairs in a caretaker capacity. Supporters will recall that game ended all square at 0-0 with any gloss of an away point marred by the further serious knee to Ian Cranson. It was our second trip to North Nottinghamshire as we went down 3-0 in the second game of the Round Robin First Round of the Leyland DAF Trophy. The sending-off of Mick Kennedy in conditions that bordered on the farcical have made some Stokies wonder if the Field Mill is a jinx ground for the team these days!

Mansfield have a battle on their hands to save their Third Division status under Player-Manager George Foster. With no cash to work with he seems certain to have to make do with what he has although his board showed some resolve in turning down an opportunistic bid of £100,000 recently for Potteries-born Kevin Kent from Reading.

Kent is a wide player who moved from Stoke-on-Trent schoolboys to West Brom and made just a couple of appearances for the Baggies before going to Newport County. He has been at Field Mill now for six seasons and it just may be the Mansfield directors are right to hold out for more.



# TEAM CHECK

## STOKE CITY

Red & White striped shirts, white shorts

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## BOLTON WANDERERS

White shirts, navy blue shorts

### PETER FOX

Makes his 450th appearance for Stoke today

### PAUL WARE

Stoke's versatile utility player

### CLIFF CARR

Is now in sight of 150 games at full-back for Stoke

### CARL BEESTON

Certainly had his work cut out at Shrewsbury!

### NOEL BLAKE

The captain is battling as hard as anyone this term

### LEE SANDFORD

Celebrates his 23rd birthday in four weeks time

### MARK DEVLIN

Growing in confidence with every game he plays

### MICKY THOMAS

36 year-old evergreen Welsh international

### WAYNE CLARKE

Aged 30, now with his seventh League club

### WAYNE BIGGINS

Match winner at Fulham on Tuesday

### BRIAN RICE

Former Scottish Youth and U/21 international

### ANTHONY GALLIMORE

Up and coming youngster

### TONY KELLY

25 year-old former St. Albans utility forward

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### DAVE FELGATE

Welsh International, ex Lincoln City.

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### PHIL BROWN

Club captain - a £17,000 buy from Halifax

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### BARRY COWDRILL

Former colleague of Statham's at W.B.A

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### MARK PATTERSON

Signed from Bury for £65,000 in January

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### MARK SEAGRAVES

Ex L'pool, came from Man.C. for £100,000

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### MARK WINSTANLEY

Has chalked up over 120 apps. for Bolton

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### SCOTT GREEN

Cost £30,000 from Derby County 12 months ago

8

### STEVE THOMPSON

The club's longest serving professional

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### DAVID REEVES

An £80,000 Tribunal signing from Sheff.W.

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### TONY PHILLISKIRK

Ex Preston & Bolton's leading scorer

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### JULIAN DARBY

A product of the club's Youth Policy

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### ALAN STUBBS

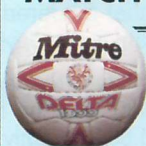
Promising youngster with great skills

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### PAUL COMSTIVE

Came to Bolton from Burnley in 1989

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Mr. D. B. Wootton

### MASCOT



This afternoon's mascot is 13 year-old Daniel Martin from Manor Road, Sandbach, Cheshire. Daniel plays football for Haslington Hawks in the Lads-n-Dads League; he watches Stoke City regularly and he also enjoys drawing.